

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 996

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend W.H. "Bo" Bomar upon thirty-five years of meritorious service to Tennessee State Parks.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, W.H. "Bo" Bomar is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Bo Bomar has rendered sterling service to Tennessee State Parks for more than thirty-five years, working assiduously to ensure their protection, preservation, and improvement, as well as their safety and security for visitors; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1971, he commenced his illustrious tenure with Tennessee State Parks as a Junior Ranger assigned to Radnor Lake Natural Area in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an exceptional skill, work ethic, and professionalism, Mr. Bomar was quickly promoted to Senior Ranger and transferred to Cedars of Lebanon State Park in 1973; promoted yet again to Senior Ranger/Park Superintendent, he was reassigned to Montgomery Bell State Park in 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Bo Bomar deservingly achieved the rank of Park Superintendent and was called to serve Bledsoe Creek State Park, where he continues to work today; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Bomar's illustrious tenure at Bledsoe Creek State Park, which he affectionately refers to as the Grand Old Lady, he has evinced an outstanding commitment and passion to sharing with visitors the beauties and mysteries of the Park; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Bo Bomar served as a Lieutenant in the Horse-Mounted Ranger Corp's for twenty-five years and as Captain of the Specialized Ranger Corp's for four years; and

WHEREAS, an expert marksman and a expert in firearms, Mr. Bomar has utilized his talents as a member of the Tennessee State Parks mountain rescue team for three years and as a Sumner County Deputy since 1980; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty years, he has participated in specialized training classes through the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and has devoted twenty-two years to martial arts training; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Bomar indulges a variety of hobbies, including writing and publishing four books, playing the dulcimer and banjo, and wood working; and

WHEREAS, Bo Bomar's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Bo Bomar exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community and the dedication to professional excellence that is characteristic of a true Tennessean and he deserves proper recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend W.H. "Bo" Bomar for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Park Superintendent of Bledsoe Creek State Park and for his more than thirty-five years of illustrious service to Tennessee State Parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.